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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

November 29, SOOCHOW, British steamer, 236.
Mileau, Haiphong 26th November, General - CHINER.
November 29, HAIDONG, British str., 753, F. Goddard, Taiwico 25th November, Amor 26th, and Swatow 26th, General - DOUGLAS LAFFRAY & CO.
November 29, KWANG-LEI Chinese str., 153,
Lincoln, Whampoa 26th November, General - C. M. S. N. Co.
November 29, TELEMACUS, British steamer, 1,380, Henry Jones, Kobe 23rd November, General - BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
November 29, PORPOISE, British cruiser, H. W. White, Swatow 26th November.
November 29, ACTIVA, German steamer, 1,050, W. Wolf, Cobh 24th November, Orkneys - WILHELM & CO.
November 29, STAGNO, Italian steamer, 1,400, Vals C. Federico, Bombay 8th November, and Singapore 1st, General - CARLOWNE & CO.
November 29, PICCIOLA, German steamer, 875, Ph. Nissen, Singapore 10th November, and Hollow 27th, General - MELCHERS & CO.
November 29, WENCHOW, British steamer, 500, Robert A. Binks, Neuchatel via Chacao 2nd November, Beans - BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
November 29, CLEARANCES, AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE, 29TH NOVEMBER.

Choyang, British str., for Singapore.
Anton, British str., for Amoy.
Sea Witch, Amoy ship, for New York.
Valkyria, British bark, for Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

November 29, PHRAKHULACHOM KLAO, British str., from Whampoa.
November 29, PEKING, German str., for Shang-hai.
November 29, CHOYANG, British str., for Singapore.
November 29, WENCHOW, British str., for Whampoa.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per Basso, str., from Bombay, &c. - Mr. Claffo and 110 Chinese.
Per Picciola, str., from Singapore, &c. - 100 Chinese.
Per Telemaeus, str., from Haiphong, - 1 Chinese.
Per Melchior, str., from Taiwico, &c. - Mr. and Mrs. Farmer and family, and 150 Chinese.
Per Telemachus, str., from Kobe - Mrs. Smith.

REPORTS.

The German steamer *Picciola*, from Singapore 18th November, and Hollow 27th, reports bad strong W.N.W. wind and sea from port to port.

The British steamer *Wenchow*, from New-chow via Chacao 22nd November, reports first part moderate breeze and fine weather. Latter part strong winds and high seas.

The British steamer *Sainto*, from Haiphong 26th November, reports had strong northerly breeze with a high sea from N.E. Islands to Cape Tuan; from thence to port strong northerly and overcast with a high sea.

The British steamer *Telemachus*, from Kobe 23rd November, reports experienced fine weather to Van Dieman's Strait; wind then freshened to a gale from E. with falling barometer at 2 P.M. on the 24th, after which wind hauled S.W. to N.W. - Barometer rising, weather improving. Continued fine rainy weather down to the Lantauks off the port of weather.

The British steamer *Holmea*, from Teles 25th November, Amoy 26th, to Amoy had light S.W. to N.W. winds and overcast with smooth sea. From Amoy to Swatow, strong N.E. gale and overcast accompanied by high seas. From Swatow to Hongkong, light N.E. winds and cloudy weather. In Amoy, *Minto*, *Chang-chew*, *Tenno*, and *Feima*. In Swatow, *Soo-chow*, *Taiwan*, *Singkang*, *Yiheng*, *Telching*, *Meifoo*, and *Chefoo*.

AMOY SHIPPING.

November 29, ARRIVALS.
16. Nansen, British str., from Foochow.
17. Hafnia, British str., from Hongkong.
18. Diamond, British str., from Hongkong.
19. Formosa, British str., from Tamsui.
20. Hafnia, British str., from Hongkong.
21. Claymore, British str., from Hongkong.
22. Kintang, British str., from Shanghai.
23. Porpoise, British cruiser, from Hongkong.
24. Hailong, British str., from Hongkong.
25. Cheang Hoek Kien, British str., from Hainan.
26. Hafnia, British str., from Foochow.
27. Pegasus, German str., from Newchwang.
28. Stora Nordica, Danish str., from a cruise.
29. Hook Po, Chinese galiot, from Foochow.
30. Monsoon, British steamer, from Nagasaki.

November 29, DEPARTURES.
15. Fokian, British str., for Taiwan.
16. Wooning, British str., for Shanghai.
17. China, British str., for Yokohama.
18. Hafnia, British str., for Foochow.
19. Nansen, British str., for Swatow.
20. Formosa, British str., for Swatow.
21. Avocet, British str., for Swatow.
22. Hailong, British str., for Foochow.
23. Diamond, British str., for Swatow.
24. Claymore, British str., for Hongkong.
25. Kintang, British str., for Shanghai.
26. Hafnia, British str., for Keling.
27. Hafnia, British str., for Taiwan.
28. Hafnia, British str., for Swatow.
29. Stora Nordica, Danish str., for Shanghai.
30. Fokian, British str., for Foochow.

VESSELS PASSED ANKER.

November 29, Ned. str. *Drethe*, Le Cleve, 2. from Berlin to Rotterdam.
3. British str. *Meridian*, Izmir, Sep. 26, from London for Batavia.
3. Ned. bark *Thorbecke* 111, Kester, July 24, from Cardiff for Batavia.
4. Italian ship *Nuova Eleonora Madre Quirino*, Oct. 12, from Singapore for Marseilles.
5. French bark *Elisa*, Mortagne, Sept. 17, from Bangkok for Cadiz.
5. British bark *Varian*, Crichton, Nov. 3, from Scotland for Sydney.
6. French bark *Bastille*, Portion, Sept. 28, from Amsterdam for Batavia.
8. Ned. str. *Prins Willem*, Izmir, Oct. 26, from London for Batavia.
10. British ship *Endymion*, Izmir, Oct. 26, from Kalkutta, Java, for Chancery.
10. British str. J. G. C. Rose, Flora, Nov. 3, from Liverpool for Coco Islands.
11. American ship *Josephine Rogers*, Oct. 5, from Hongkong for Cork.
12. Ned. bark *Thornbecke*, Kester, July 25, from Rotterdam for Batavia.
13. Ned. bark *Thorbecke II*, Storaengen, Nov. 11, from Batavia for Middleburg.
15. British bark *Magna Lox*, Douglas, Oct. 11, from Hongkong for New York.

INTIMATIONS.

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NOTICE.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

NOTICE.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Christmas Number Sporting and Dramatic
News.

Christmas Number "The Graphic."

Christmas Number "Illustrated News."

Chatterbox Volume Four, Own Annual, Girls
Own Annual, Atlanta, Ga., Pop.

Portuguese Almanac.

Strength How to grow strong and keep strong,
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For Headache and Headache.
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TELEPHONE No. 12.

SIXTH.

At Government House, on the 26th instant, Lady DE VILLE, wife of H.E. the Governor of Hongkong, gave birth to a son.

MARIEAGE.

On the 26th November, at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Hongkong, the Rev. Father B. Vlach, Alex. C. Raday, of Shanghai, to Ernest Ellsworth, youngest daughter of the late David Dyer, Melburne.

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The Singapore Tramways, as a going concern, with all properties, rights, and privileges appertaining thereto, will be sold by auction, by order of the mortgagors, on the 5th of December.

We have to acknowledge receipt of the Cuttings Gazette for the third quarter of the current year issued at Shanghai by the Statistical Department of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs.

A telegram was received yesterday by the Agents (Messrs. D. Samson & Co.) announcing that the steamer *Armenia*, from Calcutta, will leave Singapore to-day (Saturday) for this port.

We would remind our readers of the matinée at the Circa this afternoon. At the evening performance several changes in the programme will be made, particulars of which will be found in our advertisement column.

As affording some indication of the richness of the tin mines in the Malay peninsula it is worth noting that during the month of October 21,231 piculs of tin were exported from Penang, having an estimated value of \$714,638.

The Jour. des Finances gives the orderly behaviour of the new minister of war, Mr. Mariano, during his recent visit to Batavia. Whenever they go leave ashore, no fault could be found with them on the score of misconduct.

That singular disease known as beriberi is making and ravages in Netherlands India. Not only in Aceh, but also at Batavia, the capital is being threatened by the disease. A Java paper says that the treatment since there has been of its strength on the sick bed. Exports often are struck down by it shortly after embarkation. The disease is far more curative medical insanity.

cents, while if sent through the English Office it must pay ten cents, is certainly remarkable, to say the least of it. Mr. Huxton is obviously discontented with the arrangement; the Continental Post Office loss, he thinks, by the traffic, and he has no desire to share in the loss. But is that the proper light in which to look at the subject? Do not we lose indirectly by allowing the carriage of the mails to partially go beyond us and by limiting the amount of correspondence? The actual benefits of a penny postage to such places as Hongkong, Singapore, Ceylon, or Aden might not be very great, but they would most undoubtedly be so if extended to the Australian Colonies, where there are tens of thousands of settlers who fail to keep up their correspondence with their relatives and friends in England owing to account of the cost of postage. We should like to see the penny postage system made universal throughout the British Empire, but the time may perhaps not be quite ripe for such a sweeping measure yet. Experiment might be made at once, however, with Canada and Australia, and it could subsequently be extended to the Crown Colonies and India. A Postal Convention could also be concluded with the United States, by which the system could be eventually extended to that country. Any step that will tend to tighten the bonds and strengthen the tie of relationship between the Anglo-Saxon community should receive the warmest and most earnest support of any British Government, more especially in these days when the forces of disintegration are so actively at work.

A Batavian paper says there is every prospect of the islands of Celebes and Bornéo being so connected telegraphically by the laying of a cable between Macassar and Banjarmasin. Next year should see the cable an accomplished fact. A vessel is under orders to survey the route, and upwards of eight hundred thousand guineas have been appropriated by the Netherlands India Government for the purpose.

The Singapore Free Press of the 20th last says—Among the passengers on board the M. steamer *Orcus* yesterday was Mr. Chang, the celebrated Chinese giant, accompanied by his wife and children. Mr. Chang wanted to go to town after the steamer's arrival but could not get ashore big enough to hold him. He finally placed his family inside the hull and walked behind, attracting a good deal of attention.

As the German steamer *Adria* and the *St. Andrews Ball* took place in the City Hall last night, and of many brilliant entertainments of a similar nature which have been held within the walls of the institution, the ball of last night was one of the most successful from every point of view, and the debt which the community generally owes to the Scotch residents here has been considerably augmented. The task of preparing for and entertaining—and above all doing so in such a satisfactory manner—the large number of persons who thronged every part of the building last evening is no light one, and the greatest credit is due to the gentlemen who were so untiring in their efforts to make everything as comfortable and pleasing as possible for the guests. The decorations of the various rooms were with few exceptions, and these may be said to have been improvements the same as in previous years. The same old motto "*Cead Mile Failte*" appeared as usual in huge letters on the face of the hall outside to welcome the guests on arrival. The entrance hall and staircase were lined on either side with evergreens, the columns being wreathed with laurel, while draped banners overhung formed an imposing arch. The big window on the first landing was covered with an immense shield, with the Royal Standard and Union Jack draped over and on either side. On the walls of the staircase a novelty was introduced, which we owe to the presence here of a Highland Regiment, by a display of tartan prettily draped and surrounded by crossed dirks. In St. Andrew's Hall the decorations were of rather lighter description than usual, giving a less sombre aspect to the room than it has sometimes borne. A plentiful use of moss and rhynchosia was largely aided in the effect. Another novelty and a decided improvement was the hanging of huge festoons from the centre of the ceiling to the different angles of the room. In this room naturally the national flower was everywhere apparent, even the globe of the chandelier being thus ornamented.

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Bank Bills, on demand 406
Credits, at 4 months' sight 414
ON BERLIN— 309
ON NEW YORK—
Bank Bills, on demand 781
Credits, 60 days' sight 80
ON MOMBAY—
Telegraphic Transfer 123
Bank, on demand 124
ON CALCUTTA—
Telegraphic Transfer 228
Bank, on demand 228
ON SHANGHAI—
Bank, at sight 72
Private, 30 days' sight 73
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Company.	Paid up.	Quotations.
Hongkong & Sh'ui	\$125	181
New Oriental	\$10	411
China Banco	\$60	93
China Sugar	\$100	208
China Trade Co.	\$600	1000
Chinese Iron & C.	\$100	500
Chinese Lead '66 E.	Tls. 220	50
Cochinchin & Co.	\$5	40
Darvel Hay Trading	\$5	par
Fowle & Co., G.	\$25	350, nom.
Gordon & Co., G.	\$20	220, nom.
Gow's & Co., G.	\$20	220, nom.
H. & K. Wharf & Co.	\$12.50	225
H. & C. Bakery	\$50	185
Hongkong & C. Gas.	\$10	128
H. Dairy Farm	\$10	124, nom.
H. H. & J. Daylight	\$2	45
H. H. & J. Dayways	\$2	45
Hongkong Ice	\$20	100
H. & K. Wharf & Co.	\$50	192
H. Steam Laundry	\$60	nom.
Hongkong Rope	\$50	100, nom.
H. & W. Dock	\$125	63, oct. pm.
Hongkong Hotel	\$25	65, net, dis., sellers
Do. Detourne	\$600	1601
Peak Hotel	\$15	125
Inson & Co.	\$10	125
Cantons	\$10	125
China Fire	\$20	254
China Traders'	\$25	272
Chinese Insurance	\$200	150, nom.
Hongkong Fire	\$40	3884
North China	\$20	170
Shanghai	\$20	170
Strait Fire	\$20	118
Strait Marine	\$20	3238
Union	\$25	100, ex. div.
Yankee	\$25	75
Lancashire Building	\$50	110, sales
H. Law & Sons	\$20	222
Kowloon Land Inv.	\$20	118
Peak Building	\$10	118
Richmond Terrace	\$100	220
Shanghai Land	\$20	170
West Point Build.	\$20	170
Minerals	\$100	165
Charbonnages	\$181.50	3474
Jidou	\$5	35, nom.
Fusou	\$10	35, 200, sales
China Sugar	\$5	35
East Horse	\$40	557
Labuk	\$10	115, nom.
Songel Koyal	\$43	360
S. & T. Wharf	Tls. 100	2174
Shanghai Water	\$20	434
Steamship Co.	\$10	100
China & Manil	\$10	108
China Ships	\$13	214
Douglas	\$50	674
John & M.	\$20	342
Indo-China	\$20	100, ex. dis., buyers
Siam Land	\$10	100
Watson & Co., A. S.	\$10	922

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Meteorological Register, November 1st.)

Station	Temp.	Wind	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.
Macau	22.08	22	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tai Po	22.08	22	-	-	-	-	-	-
Macau	20.02	22	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hongkong	20.03	22	-	-	-	-	-	-
Macau	20.02	22	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hongkong	20.02	22	-	-	-	-	-	-
Macau	20.02	22	-	-	-	-	-	-
Akying	20.02	22	-	-	-	-	-	-

The barometer has fallen in South-Western China, but gradients for N.E. winds have increased.

W. DOBERECK.

Hongkong Observatory, 29th November, 1889.

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CHAPTER XXVIII.

The CHASE OF ALL MEN.

It was still early morning; a soft grey mist lay over the moorlands, but the sun that had never set in that northern land was rising through clouds of pink and white over the bald crown of a mountain to the northward. And towards the rising sun Jason saw his comrades striding on with the dead man at his own funeral. And his heart, and his grisly mockery of the hues of life, in his pallid cheeks and whitened lips of Sunlocks. From his right ankle and right wrist hung the rings of his broken fetters, and from the left ankle and left wrist of Sunlocks trailed the ropes that had bound them both. Never a moment did Jason pause to breathe or think of quiet himself. On and on went the two death-mad men, hard-drawn and stark, and heart ably, hot blue eyes and scorched and withered mists. And still Sunlocks lay over his right side and shoulder, motionless and unconscious, hardly breathing, but alive, with his waist encircled by Jason's great right arm, and his waistband grasped tight as with the grip of a talon by Jason's hard right hand.

Before long they had recovered some faint consciousness, and cried in a faint voice for water. Jason glanced around on the arid plain as if his eyes would pierce the ground for a spring, but no water could be seen on any side of him, and so without a word of answer he strode along.

"Water, water!" cried Sunlocks again, and then Jason caught the sideways glint of a river, a little pearl chain down the black bosom of the mountain.

"Water!" cried Sunlocks again and yet again, in a voice of pain and deep need, not rightly knowing yet where he was or what bad chance had befallen him.

"Yes, yes—on a moment more only a moment, there—there—" whispered Jason.

And muttering those words he strode on, and chearfully looked his way across the river. But he had not gone far when he stepped short with a cry of dismay. The river had smoked and sputtered. It was hot! cried Jason. "And the land is scorched."

At that word, Sunlocks uttered a low groan, and his head, which had been partly lifted, fell heavily backwards, and his hair hung over Jason's shoulder. He was again silent, and cast his eyes on the water of the river.

Then Jason saw that even the dead were passing the river, and he crossed it, and the sound of his steps echoed through the mountains above his head.

He knew that the shot was it; it was the signal of his escape. And looking down to the valley, he saw that the guards of the settlement were gathering on their ponies in the very line of the plain that he must traverse to reach the water for which Sunlocks thirsted.

"Water, water!" came again in the same agonized tones, but whether with his actual ears he heard it cry, or in the torment of his distraught sense it only rang out in his empty heart, no man shall say. But all the same he answered it from his choking throat,

"Patience, patience."

And then, with another look downward, the look of a human stag, at the cool water which he might not reach and live, he turned himself back to the burning land.

What happened to him, then, and for many weary hours thereafter, it would weary the spirit to tell; what plains he crossed, what hills he climbed, and in what desolate wilderness he walked alone with no one for company save the unconscious man across his shoulder, and no eye to look upon him. He saw the eye of God.

And first he crossed a wide sand bank, dashed black and red, that lay above the sea that was vast and bounded by hills as dark as the earth that was vast and drifts blown up into shapes and terrible shapes by mighty tempests. Then he came upon a plain stream, over with cinders, having a grim crop frowning upward at the sun, and the bank of a smouldering heap, with the smoke of red fire rolling about it, the first time the sun had risen, and the ground hot, and the black ground under his feet began to send up the reflection of the sun's rays into his face to see it.

And still the cry of "water, water" rang in his ears, and his eyes ranged the desolate land to find it, but never a sign of it could he see, and his strong heart sank. Once when he had mounted with great toil to the top of a hill where all below had been a dark and bare desert he saw a wide valley stretching in front of him that was as green as the grass of spring. And he thought that where there was grass there would surely be water, streams of water, rivers of water, pools of water, many strokes of sweet water lying clear and quiet over amber pebbles and beside soft brown banks of turf.

So at the third his heart was lifted up, and bounding down the hillside over the lava blocks, as fast as he could go for his burden, he began to sing from his cracked throat his hymn and quavering voice. But when he reached the valley his song stopped, and his heart sank afresh, for it was not grass, but moss that grew there, and it lay only on big blocks of lava, with never a drop of moisture or a handful of earth between them.

He was crushed, but he was strong of heart and would not despair. So he pushed on over this green plain, through a hundred thousand mossy mounds that looked like the graves of a world of dead men.

But when he came out of it his case seemed yet more forlorn, for leaving the soft valley behind he had come upon a lava stream, a sea of stones, not dust or cinders, but a blasted waste of lava rocks, and a sea of water for the foot, and a green spot for the eye.

All this time he had walked on under the sweltering sun, never resting, never pausing, buoyed up with the hope of water—water for the fainting man that he might not die. But in the desolation of that moment he dropped Sunlocks from his shoulder, and three himself down beside him.

And falling there, with the load of his unconscious comrade upon his knees, he put it to himself to say what had been the load of all that he had done, and if it would not have been better for both of them if he had submitted to base tyranny and remained at the mines. Had he not brought this man out to his death? What else was before him in the waste of hell when there were no trees, no water, no soil, no plants, no moisture, his parched tongue dry?

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